GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:946
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2005
MARRIAGE OF MINOR GIRLS
Agarwal Shri Dhirendra;Mahato Shri Bir Sing;Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the court has justified the marriage of a girl aged below 15 years terming it as a special case;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to amend the Hindu Marriage Act to bring down the marriageable age of minors keeping in view of the Delhi High Court's decision; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission for Women is in the process of filing Writ Petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court to appeal this judgement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.